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Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2006 11:45 AM**To:** Kevin MartinFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Cc:** Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Jonathan Adelstein**Subject:** Close Captions

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Marvin Fogel
19716 Hatton Street
Winnetka, California 91306

Thousands of calls and emails should be sent to the FCC Chairman and Commissioners. Contact information:

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<http://www.fcc.gov/commissioners/martin/mail.html>
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, Tel (202) 418-2500
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Commissioner Michael Copps, Tel (202) 418-2000
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Also calls and Email to the FCC Bureau that issued the Order:
CGB Chief Monica DeSai at (202) 418-1400
Email: Monica.DeSai@fcc.gov

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From: WFullerton@aol.com

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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 6:23 PM

To: Kevin Martin

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai

Subject: Closed Captioning

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,
Regarding DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. **Please reconsider this action immediately. I need closed captioning as I can not understand anything I watch without it.**

William Fullerton
213 Brockfield Drive North
Sun City Center, FL 33573

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Pam Gregory

From: Monica Desai
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:05 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW:

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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-----Original Message-----

From: peter fackler [mailto:pfackler01@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 3:54 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject:

Dear Ms. Desai:

The memo, below, has been sent to the Commissioners via e-mail this afternoon. Immediate action is necessary to undo a very bad decision by the Commission.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very serious and upsetting matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Fackler

September 13, 2006

Memo to the Federal Communications Commission

Dear Commissioner:

The FCC's recent decisions to grant 250 permanent exemptions to closed captioning rules to a number of religious organizations is an affront to the 31 million Americans with hearing loss who depend on captioning to be able to access mainstream programming. The exemptions run counter to, and are inconsistent with, regulations under 47 CFR Part 79 1(d).

In addition, the way this is being handled -- without input from users -- is an affront to good process and belies a seeming callous disregard for the welfare of Americans with hearing loss. In short, what you are doing is engaging in de facto rulemaking without notice.

What can you be thinking?

Please reconsider these steps immediately. Revoke the 250 exemptions that have been granted, and stop the process to issue the additional several hundred exemptions that are apparently in the pipeline.

Sincerely,

Peter C Fackler
41 Avondale Park
Rochester, NY 14620

Pam Gregory

From: Linda Fowler [lsfowler@cinci.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 3:45 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: *granting exemptions from closed captioning :-)*

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chief DeSai

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am dismayed and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying

"it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! I need

our closed captioning to be part of life and so do many, many others!

Statistics say at least 20% of the population is hearing impaired and with aging, many more will fall in this category.

Linda Fowler

9393 Patti Cir

West Chester OH 45069

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Pam Gregory

From: rfisher@personalcaptioning.com
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 9:52 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert M. Dowell
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: FCC's exemptions for Captioning

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Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

*Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary*

Greetings. I am writing an angry letter to your commission after reading about your decision to grant a large number of captioning exemptions. I work with a small company that provides assistive technology to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - a technology that allows Deaf and Hard of Hearing people to attend live and movie theaters along side of hearing patrons. As a hearing person that works in Deaf/HoH community, I can say, along with my Deaf/HoH friends and colleagues, that captioning is one of the most major ways that Deaf/HoH people participate in an American society that relies heavily on amplified sound to convey information. Nothing brings television, movies, plays, sports, emergency information, educational information, religious discussions, and any words you or I might hear over a speaker, like captioning.

Captioning is an equalizer. Captioning is mandatory. Ramps are mandatory in every new building. Braille is mandatory on every elevator. Access is mandatory. Granting exemptions to captioning is giving the thumbs up to discrimination - and we fight discrimination.

I sincerely hope you read these words, and the words of many others, and change your course of action.

Thank you,

Rachel Fisher, Personal Captioning Systems, Inc.

Kenneth L. Hill

From: Aaron Fontaine [ashle18@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 10:52 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

September 22, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Aaron Fontaine
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Apt. 903
Beaumont, TX 77706-7000

Kenneth L. Hill

From: Anita Farb [farb@nad.org]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 8:22 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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September 25, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Sincerely,

Anita Farb
5713 Newington Rd
Bethesda, MD 20816-1281

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From: Pamala [pamala@mich1.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 8:00 PM
To: Undisclosed-Recipient;
Subject: Closed captioning

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007 Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations.

We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Sincerely,
Pamala Fountain
1440 South Kingston Road
Deford, Michigan 48729

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~~OCT 16 2006~~

From: Festus Fabilola [festuswgcil@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 3:26 PM

To: Kevin Martin

Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai

Subject: Closed Captioning Cuts

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

September 20, 2006

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman and Honorable FCC Commissioners,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations.

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Sincerely,

Festus Fabilola

Program Manager

Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living

2415A West Jefferson Street

Joliet, Illinois 60435

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From: Rachel Farrell [valeda71@yahoo.com]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 9:17 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** closed captioning, chair ramps

If a business or a store said that they were unable to afford a wheelchair ramp, would we tell people in wheelchairs, "Sorry, you'll have to crawl out of your chair and climb the stairs, or just not come in at all, because this business could not afford to accommodate you." In this day and age, that would be unheard of. As a society, we are expected to come up with the funds to respect all people, despite disability.

My husband is Deaf. Many of my friends are Deaf. They have every right to the same access that hearing people have to relax and watch television. My husband is one of so many Deaf people who deserve equal treatment. There are so many daily frustrations that go along with having a hearing loss.. Doctor's appointments with the excuse of "Oh, sorry, we forgot to get an interpreter." ... Miscommunications with your boss at work... Not being able to use a drive through window!... Strained communication with your child's teacher... So many things we hearing people take for granted. The list goes on.

At least let Deaf people come home and relax with the feeling that inside their home they can be comfortable and not frustrated and reminded once again that they are not the "privileged"!

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter!

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders

appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Rachel Farrell
214 Blakes Hill Road
Northwood, NH 03261

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From: Shane Feldman [ShaneFeldman@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 2:52 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

*September 20, 2006
Monica Desai*

Dear Monica Desai,

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The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

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*Shane Feldman
212 E Melbourne Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20901-3513*

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From: Bruce Franks [bdfbanks@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:12 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

*September 26, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

Dear Monica Desai,

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Sincerely,

*Bruce Franks
8863 Glenridge Ct
Vienna, VA 22182-1708*

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From: Andrea Falchek [andreafalchek@yahoo.com]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 5:56 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** "In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007"

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007"

Dear FCC Chairman,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations.

We are *outraged* and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

In these high tech days of 2006, I find it impossible to believe that it either costs too much or is too difficult. I believed, instead that it is a slap in the face to the handicapped.

My 20 year old, who lost his hearing in 10th grade, relies on Closed Captioning, for information and culture. I can't believe that you are decreasing, rather than increasing the availability of information to the hearing impaired, even as technology makes it easier and more feasible.

And even as the aging "baby boomer" and the "MP3 generation" will be losing their hearing.

My Mother-in-law, also, could not enjoy TV without closed captioning, and she is very isolated by her advanced age, and really needs the stimulation and contact with the greater community.

Our Closed Captioning feature is always "on" our TV, and I resent any program that doesn't use it. I find it unimaginably cruel, that you are creating a loophole in the 1996 law.

I don't think you realize how hard it is for hearing impaired people to merely be *alive*, and the relative isolation that hearing loss causes. They need and appreciate that *small mercy provided by closed captioning*; to be involved in their/our culture, and to feel included.

I think that, far from gutting the intent of the 1996 law, you should be requiring that movies and live theater productions should be captioned, as well. My son can't see movies unless/until they come out on DVD, because he needs the captioning.

In these days of powerpoint presentation, it just isn't that much to ask!

Clearly this sets aside the intent of the laws passed in 1996, and I must research if it is actionable.

Is it actually possible that someone in your position is capable of doing something so cruel, illegal, and well, silly?

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Office of the Secretary

We need our closed captioning!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Andrea Falchek
1219 South Franklin Ave.
Somerset, Pa.

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

From: Barbara Gurga [Barbara.Gurga@illinois.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 8:56 AM
To: Deborah Tate; Jonathan Adelstein; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell
Subject: CLOSED CAPTIONING

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007, Dear FCC chairmans, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning! Barbara Gurga, S-RCD 1279 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

Docket No. 06-181

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From: John & Cindy Gerhardt [gerhaysjc@myexcel.com]

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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 11:43 AM

To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Cc: Monica Desai

Subject: "Dear Chairman and Commissioners"

This so outrages! I am not too pleased to hear this....How could you do that to us?
Please Don't do that to us! It's important to us. We are humans too but just not fair we
can't hear it....
captioned helps us so much.
Cindy Gerhardt

9/21/2006

Docket No. 06-181

Kenneth L. Hill

From: Trisha Giorgio [crazypurple12@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 1:34 PM

To: Monica Desai

Subject: "In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Trisha Giorgio

Trisha
Giorgio



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From: skytalon@gmail.com on behalf of Katherine Gable [me@skytalon.com]

OCT 16 2006

Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 4:37 PM

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

To: Monica Desai

Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear CGB Chief Monica DeSai,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Katherine Gable
560 Westgate Drive
Edison, NJ 08820

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Docket No. 06-181

Kenneth L. Hill

From: Linda Geiger [LGeiger2005@optonline.net]
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 11:32 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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October 2, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Monica Desai,

As a mother of a deaf adult, it has been a joy to watch him be able to watch everything from the news to favorite movies and tv shows. To begin to undue this tremendous benefit to over 31 million deaf people in the US, is outrageous! Not only is captioning beneficial to deaf people but for my own mother with deteriorating hearing, it is a blessing to help her with the sounds she misses. Please don't shut the door on us. We need more shows to be captioned, not less!

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

Deaf and hard of hearing people cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Linda Geiger
2 Emerald Ct
Moriches, NY 11955-1424

Docket No. 06-181

Kenneth L. Hill

From: Sean Gerlis [president@njadeaf.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 4:15 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Cc: president@njadeaf.org
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007: Closed Captioning

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Officials:

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

I represent approximately 740,000 Deaf & Hard of Hearing residents of state in New Jersey and we are very concerned about this situation which has been lenient with closed caption in granting exemption for CGB and/or any other non-for-profit organizations to host a television shows.

Also, we are very concerned about this recent ruling made by FCC,

FCC states that it is "inclined favorably" to grant new exemption requests to organizations that do "not receive compensation from video programming distributors from the airing of [their] programs," and who also say they "may terminate or substantially curtail [their] programming" or "[curtail] other activities important to [their] mission" if forced to caption.

We find this ruling very threatening to our community where we really depend on the accessibility of closed captions in our television shows by understanding the verbatim. Without the closed captioned, we are left off from the community interactions made by television shows.

We urge you to reconsider and revise this ruling at the earliest convenient.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

*-Sean Gerlis; President
New Jersey Association of the Deaf
E-mail: President@NJADeaf.org
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Kenneth L. Hill

From: Jegwin@aol.com

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Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 12:13 PM

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To: Monica Desai

Subject: Closed captioning

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

It is ridiculous to allow religious outfits to evade closed captioning, particularly since it is unchristian to limit one's audience. The number of hearing impaired people are increasing, due to old age and loud music. The use of closed captioning must be increased, not decreased.

Jim Goodwin Grove OR 97424
1575 Fairview Place,
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jegwin@aol.com

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OCT 16 2006

From: ABBailBonds@aol.com

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:27 AM

To: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; JonathonAdelstein@fcc.gov; Monica Desai

Cc: RushHolt@hrUS.gov

Subject: Closed captioning

I am hearing impaired and need closed captioning. Please do not remove it from TV Programing.

Steven Gershenoff
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Marlboro, NJ 07746-1315
732 536-6925

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Kenneth L. Hill

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From: Sherrill Graviano [sgraviano@houston.rr.com]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 6:34 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Thank you in advance for protecting the rights of ALL American citizens irregardless of the abilities or disabilities to enjoy watching TV in our homes.

Sherrill Graviano
sgraviano@houston.rr.com
15624 1/2 South Brentwood
Channelview, TX 77530

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From: krista [kgalyen@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 9:36 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: no loopholes for closed captioning!

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman and whom it may concern:

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. I would rather the government help those who need additional monies funding for captioning, not allowing loopholes. This affects not only deaf, but elderly. What about the ADA? It seems this is not the way to go about the problem.

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*Krista Galyen
8050 Pioneer Drive #506
Anchorage, Alaska 99504*

Kenneth L. Hill

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From: Gonzalez, Leslie [lgonzalez@Stavros.org]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 4:53 PM
To: Kevin.Martin@fcc.org
Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, and CGB-CC-0007

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

September 22, 2006

Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, and CGB-CC-0007

Mr. Kevin Martin
Chairman
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 2054

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Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning! Sincerely, Joseph Tringali Director of Services

Kenneth L. Hill

From: Teresa Giardina [tbone_kneegrabber@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 4:22 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

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From: Jay Keithley

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 6:26 PM

To: Pam Gregory

Subject: FW: Closed Captioning Is Essential

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From: Katie Gott [mailto:ktgott@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 4:26 PM

To: FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell

Cc: Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org

Subject: Closed Captioning Is Essential

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that I fully support the action alerts from TDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the FCC on September 12, 2006.

I respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to information, just like building a ramp to the church door.

We know that all video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place, and temporary waivers when appropriate.

When you give full permanent exemptions to the two programmers, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years.

Closed captioning gives everyone access to news that is indispensable to the community, entertainment, and education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Diane.Gutierrez@thomson.com**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 3:05 PMFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai**Subject:** Denial of rights of access to information by closed captioning waivers

Dear friends,

I was appalled and sickened by the news that a large number of exemptions were given out apparently wholesale to permit issuers of information to dispense with closed captions.

My first reaction was: what is this, a rollback of rights for the deaf and disabled people who depend on closed captions for information? Was this a portent of the future to roll back the Americans with Disabilities aims? Was this an example of civil workers who did not understand the impact their jobs have on the American public?

When I was a child, I had no access at all to information normally taken for granted by hearing people. No captioned movies, no closed caption TV, no Telephones for the Deaf, no videophones, no computers. Only by depending totally on family and friends could I get information of a very basic type.

This is the way I lived: in the morning I asked Mama to tell me what they said on the news. She would listen for five minutes, tell me to wait, and listen for another five minutes. Then she would say, "The weather will be sunny." And that would be all of it. While Walter Cronkite continued to talk away, in a grave manner, and worrisome pictures were being shown.

On the way to school, the kids I rode with would tell me to shut up, they were listening to the radio. The driver would turn up the radio and occasionally pull off the road because it was the Vietnam War era. "What happened?" I would say. "Oh somebody got killed in the war. You don't know who."

Only in school, as part of the lesson plans, did I learn about Sputnik and the Cuban missile crisis, and yet for years we had been conducting air raid drills without knowing why.

In the evenings I would take my meals to my bedroom and read books while the family watched TV and discussed discussed news at the dinner table. The custom of watching TV with meals began with families then; it never included me. After that the family would watch TV or on the weekends go out to the movies, and I never would join them. Because mouths flapped open and closed and there were no captions to say what characters said on the screen.

Closed captioning, when it began, was a time of joy for me. I was so relieved when I could see Love Boat and PBS with equality-inspiring words on the screen. Oh, my God. I was hooked as never before on the media, having grown up and started adult life in 30 years without it. Not only was information addictive, it was life-supporting.

Please give back the right to access information by denying these companies you gave away free dispensation to do away with closed captions. Please stop the practice immediately, for rights once taken away are extremely difficult to recover. The almighty dollar is not worth that much when you realize it had the effect of taking away my independence.

The decision sets a very bad precedent. A) It is counter to the regulations at 47 CFR Part 79.1(d) that allow for certain exemptions; and (B) it is de facto rulemaking without notice. They are creating new regulations without a process.

This precedent must not stand. Once started, it will cause a cascade of other exemption seekers who will ask for the same dispensation, and sue when they cannot get it. Lawsuits and drawn-out court proceedings will effectively deny the right for deaf people to enjoy, use and live by information.

Please roll back all waivers and prohibit issuance of any more of these short-sighted requests.

Yours sincerely,
Diane Plassey Gutierrez

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